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WOMAN WHO FAILED TO APPEAR LOCATED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CATRINA Y. BRIGHTWELL, 32, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for failing to appear for a supervised release revocation hearing in July 2003 ordered by a United States Magistrate Judge, and for credit card fraud allegedly occurring prior to her disappearance. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Marshals Service successfully located BRIGHTWELL in Houston, Texas on March 9, 2005.

The indictments allege that CATRINA BRIGHTWELL committed credit card fraud exceeding \$1,000 between February 2002 and March 2003. Catrina Brightwell then failed to appear for her revocation of supervised release hearing for two federal cases pending in the Southern District of Indiana.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, BRIGHTWELL faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to five years that would run consecutive to any other term of imprisonment for BRIGHTWELL's failure to appear. BRIGHTWELL also faces up to 10 years for the credit card fraud. BRIGHTWELL faces a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for each violation. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictments are allegations only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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